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The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chairperson
Members of the House Economic Matters Committee
House Economic Matters Committee
Room 230, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, House Bill 1169: Agricultural Energy Production Act

Dear Delegate Davis and Committee Members:

As the Chair of the Maryland Commission on Climate Change, the Maryland Department of the Environment supports HB 1169. The requirements of this bill are conducive to Maryland's effort to increase the production of renewable energy in the State. In doing so, the legislation supports the State's overall goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% by 2020, as mandated by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009. As you know, due to Maryland's extensive coastline, addressing sea level rise and climate change is critically urgent.

Thank you for your consideration of this information as you review HB 1169. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or lnissley@mde.state.md.us if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

Lisa Nissley

Cc: George (Tad) S. Aburn, Jr., Director, Air and Radiation Management Administration
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